

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 07 May 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 08 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 06 May 2021 at 14:11 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a showery day on Friday and for a change to windier, wetter conditions on Saturday. The main uncertainty relates to shower distribution from Sunday onwards.

Headline for Friday 07 May 2021: Sunshine and snow showers. Feeling very cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 07 May 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
50%	50%	50%	40%	60%	40%	30%	10%

Forecast for Friday 07 May 2021

Weather: Northerly winds will bring further showers of sleet, hail and snow to all ranges through morning and much of the afternoon. A change in wind direction will leave the West Coast ranges increasingly dry and clear through later afternoon and all ranges likely dry by late evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% increasing 70% through afternoon.

Visibility: Areas of cloud will be persistent above 400-600m through morning, perhaps briefly lower during passing showers. Breaks will become more widespread during afternoon as cloud lifts and showers fade away. Snow will reduce visibility to a few hundred metres at times.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	12/15 N	12/15 NW	12/15 NW	11/15 NW	12/17 NW	11/16 NW	9/13 NW	4/6 N	8/11 E
900	11/15 N	11/14 NW	12/15 NW	10/14 NW	12/17 NW	11/16 NW	9/13 NW	4/6 N	8/12 E
600	6/9 N	7/10 NW	8/11 NW	8/13 NW	10/15 NW	10/15 NW	8/12 NW	3/5 N	7/11 E
300	3/12 NW	4/12 NW	4/12 NW	4/13 NW	6/15 NW	7/15 NW	5/12 NW	3/5 N	4/10 E
Glen	4/9 N	3/7 N	4/9 NW	6/10 W	7/13 NW	9/15 NW	6/10 NW	5/8 NE	7/11 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-3/-8	-3/-8	-3/-9	-3/-8	-1/-7	-1/-6	-1/-6	-3/-6	-4/-8
900	-2/-7	-2/-7	-2/-8	-2/-7	-0/-6	-0/-5	-1/-5	-2/-5	-3/-7
600	0/-3	-0/-4	0/-4	1/-3	2/-2	2/-1	2/-2	0/-2	-1/-4
300	2/0	2/-0	2/0	4/2	5/3	6/4	5/3	3/1	1/-2
Glen	4/3	4/3	5/3	6/5	8/6	9/6	7/6	5/4	4/2
Freezing Level*	600m	600m	600m	600m	600m	500m	600m	500m	500m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Best conditions expected later in the day. Ice and fresh snow will make for slippery conditions, especially early and late.

Forecast for Saturday 08 May 2021

Weather: A day of contrasting conditions as a cold, frosty and largely dry morning gives way to strengthening easterly winds, thick cloud and periods of rain and snow. This rain will arrive across Skye and the Great Glen from late morning, falling as snow above 400m initially, spreading to all ranges by mid afternoon. The snow level will gradually rise with rain across all but highest levels after dark. West Coast seeing the most shelter and while persistent rain and snow affects Easter Ross and Strathconon.

Maximum wind: Easterly 15-20mph increasing 25-35 gusting up to 50mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% falling to 10%.

Visibility: Very little low level cloud through morning but cloud will become persistent above 300-500m in the east, 600-800m in the west.

Temperature: **Glens:** 0-3C rising to 7-9C.
At 800m: Minus 1 or 2 C.
Freezing level: 400m rising 1000m.